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INDEPENDENCE WOMAN INDICTED FOR CRACK COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Independence, Mo., woman was indicted by a federal grand jury today for possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

Ebonie C. Parker, 22, of Independence, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Today's indictment alleges that **Parker**, aiding and abetting others, was in possession with intent to distribute at least 150 grams (but not more than 500 grams) of crack cocaine on Aug. 12, 2004.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen D. Mahoney. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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